

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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March 16, 2007

Mr. John Mack Chief of Resources Management United States Department of the Interior National Park Service Bandelier National Monument Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544-9701

Dear Mr. Mack:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a ecological restoration plan to restore some 4000 acres of degraded pinon-juniper woodland to a more naturally functioning state over the next 15-20 years. The Bandelier National Monument is a unit of the federal land administered by the National Park Service and is located in north central New Mexico approximately 10 miles southwest of Los Alamos and 50 miles northwest of Santa Fe.

EPA rates the DEIS as "LO," i.e., EPA has "Lack of Objections " to the proposed action as described in the DEIS. Our classification will be published in the Federal Register according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions. If you have any questions, please e-mail at jansky.michael@epa.gov.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office two copies of the FEIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely yours,

Michael P. Jansky

Regional EIS Coordinator